

Fort Leonard Wood Hunting and Fishing license fees increase for the 2007 permit year.

It will cost a bit more to fulfill your hunting and fishing desires on Fort Leonard Wood (FLW) this year as the cost of FLW Sportsmen's Permits and hunting stamps go up in 2007. The FLW Conservation Council and the Command Group recently approved revisions to the FLW 210-21 Hunting and Fishing Regulation to include increasing the Sportsmen's Permit fee from \$10.00 to \$15.00 and increasing each of the three hunting stamps for turkey, deer, and archery hunting from \$3.00 to \$5.00 each.

A recent survey of comparable military installations showed that FLW ranked near the least expensive of all installations for access to hunt and fish on installation property. Even with these new increases, FLW will retain one of the lowest monetary requirements of installations to hunt and fish.

Rest assured, your hard earned money will go to a good cause; funds generated from the sale of these permits and stamps goes directly toward improving fish and wildlife management and conservation efforts here on FLW. This increase in fees will offset ever-rising inflation rates. The last time any of these fees were increased was in 1999 when the Sportsman's Permit was raised from \$7.50 to \$10.00.

Some specific management efforts funded by these fees include improving fish and wildlife habitat, fish stocking, food plot maintenance, and wildlife watering pond establishment. Revenues generated from these permit sales also goes toward producing hunting and fishing maps and regulations made available to hunters and anglers at the FLW DMWR Sportsmen's Center where FLW permits and stamps are sold. All FLW hunters and anglers are also required to have appropriate state and federal (in the case of migratory bird hunting such as for doves and waterfowl) permits in order to participate in these activities on FLW. The 2007 permits and stamps are available now at the Sportsmen's Center (Bldg. 2282, telephone 596-4223, open 10-6 daily) where hunters and anglers are required to purchase them in person and view a safety video. The 2007 permits will be valid from time of purchase through 29 February 2008.

Happy hunting and fishing!